

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 7, 2003 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R), Rep. Larry Cyr (D), Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), Rep. Christopher Harris (D), Rep. Carol Lambert (R), Rep. Brad Newman (D), Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 14, 3/25/2003; SB 69, 3/25/2003  
Executive Action: SB 14, BE CONCURRED IN, 18-0, CC  
SB 69, BE CONCURRED IN, 18-0, CC

**HEARING ON SB 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 **SEN. MCCARTHY, SD 14 -- Short Title:** Extend suspension  
of adjudication during negotiation of reserved water  
rights.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:00 Susan Cottingham, Program Manager, Montana Reserved  
Water Rights Compact Commission

**EXHIBIT (nah48a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:00

**HEARING ON SB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

13:00 **SEN. NELSON, SD 49 -- Short Title:** Revise legislative  
membership on drinking water revolving fund advisory  
council.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:00 Todd Teagarden, Department of Environmental Quality

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:00

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. GUTSCHE moved that SB 69 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Motion carried unanimously** by voice vote with all excused members voting aye by proxy.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 69 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. **Motion carried unanimously** by voice vote with all excused members voting aye by proxy.

CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN excused. REP. GUTSCHE assumed the Chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 14**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 14 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Motion carried unanimously** by voice vote with all excused members voting aye by proxy.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 14 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. **Motion carried unanimously** by voice vote with all excused members voting by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah48aad)**